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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: O'Brien

Art Unit: 2856

Application No. 09/770,942

Filed: January 25, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONCENTRATING SAMPLES FOR  
ANALYSIS

Examiner: Jay Politzer

Date: February 3, 2003

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This responds to the Office action dated January 2, 2003. A one-month period for reply was set making an answer due on or before February 3, 2003. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments**

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

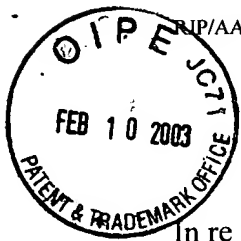
1. (Reiterated) A method for analyzing a gas sample, comprising:

providing a gas sample or converting a sample to a gas sample;

increasing pressure applied to the sample to compress the sample to a smaller volume and provide a pneumatically focused gas sample; and

analyzing the pneumatically focused gas sample by gas chromatography.

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Enclosed is an Amendment for the above application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

For	No. after amendment	No. paid for previously	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	81	- 91*	= 0	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2	3**	= 0	\$84.00	\$ 0.00
Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)				\$280.00	
One-month Extension of Time				\$110.00	
Two-month Extension of Time				\$410.00	
Three-month Extension of Time				\$930.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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☒ No additional fee is required.☒ Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- ☒ A Marked-up Version of Amended Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c) is attached.
- ☒ Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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